THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Non-payment of wages to Indian by a Dubai based company

979. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian workers employed by a construction company of Dubai have not been paid their salaries since last one year;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereon;

(c) how many such cases have come into light during the last two years and what is the country-wise details of such cases; and

(d) what action is being taken/would be taken by Government against the agencies involved in sending the workers illegally and what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) As reported by the Consulate General of India, Dubai, there was no such case.

(c) Such data is not maintained.

(d) Sporadic complaints are received about cheating of Indian workers by unregistered recruiting agents. On receipt of such complaints, the concerned Protectors of Emigrants (PoEs) are directed to file complaints/ FIRs against such unregistered recruiting agents for violation of Section 10 of the Emigration Act 1983. During the years 2003, 2004 and 2005 (upto 31.10.2005), 25, 39 and 49 complaints have respectively been filed with the Police authorities against such illegal recruiting agencies.

Religious holidays

980. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be plesed to state:

(a) the number of religious holidays at present being given to Central Government employees in the country;

(b) the present position in this regard;

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase the number of restricted holidays instead of religious holidays; and

(d) whether the new rule would come into effect from January, 2006?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) Fourteen closed Holidays and two Restricted Holidays.

(c) and (d) Holidays Policy in respect of the Central Government Administrative Offices is under review. The new policy as and when finalised, will come into force from a prospective date.

New Annual Scheme for work assessment of IAS Officer

†981. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Prime Minister had approved a New Annual Scheme for the assessment of works done by IAS Officers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when this provision would be made applicable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) Prime Minister has approved the broad contours of the system of performance appraisal report recommended by the Surinder Nath Committee with certain modifications. These, *inter alia,* include use of the performance appraisal for career planning and training, preparation of work plan, health check up, numerical grading, integrity certificate, maintenance of comprehensive Personal Dossier, recommendations for domain assignment and constitution of Referral Board to decide representations from officers on performance assessment. The replacement of the earlier system with the new one requires amendment to the existing rules. No date has been fixed for introducing the New Scheme.

Mid-career training programme

982. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal of mid-career training programmes for Central Secretariat Services officers and also sending

†Original notice of question was received in Hindi.